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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology

FROM:

  
Director of Information Resources

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SUBJECT: Joint Acquisition of Software

REFERENCE: Your memo OIT 0576-86, dated 21 Jul 1968

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1. Thank you for responding to our request to acquire and support V/SPELL, Lattice C, and the SCRIPT Mathematical Formatter. We have already transferred the funds to your office for V/SPELL. As soon as the 2420 paperwork is received from your office for Lattice C, I will sign it. I understand it will be forwarded to OIR within the next few days.

2. We agree with your plan to purchase the WATSOFT Mathematical Formatter. In the meantime, we would like to have the IBM SCRIPT Mathematical Formatter available until the WATSOFT version is ready. We realize the IBM version will be a temporary solution.

3. I appreciate the cooperation that has taken place in this joint effort and wish to thank those on your staff who were involved in evaluating our request for these three software packages.

  
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21 JUL 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Resources

FROM: Edward J. Maloney  
Director of Information Technology

SUBJECT: Joint Acquisition of Software

1. Prior to the formation of the Office of Information Resources (OIR), this office received requests from the Analytic Support Group (ASG) for our assistance in the acquisition and support of three software packages: V/SPELL, Lattice C, and the SCRIPT Mathematical Formatter. The requests were reviewed by my staff, and I am pleased to advise you that OIT is in a position to support the requirement and acquire the software licenses for the first two packages under the funding arrangements suggested by ASG. In the case of the SCRIPT Mathematical Formatter, we have an alternative proposal that we believe addresses your needs albeit with a different package.

2. The V/SPELL package has been tested and favorably evaluated in the OIT environment for both Delta Datas and IBM 3270's. The OIT strategy will be to replace the current "home grown" spelling checker with V/SPELL. This will require some work to integrate with AIM. ASG had indicated that it is willing to pay for the Northside Computer Center licenses. This will amount to \$6,000 of the \$35,000 total cost.

3. The Lattice C software is a de facto industry standard and very attractive to the Agency. It offers advantages over several versions of "C" previously tested by OIT. We believe this would be a good opportunity to evaluate the package. If it meets our expectations, we will plan to license it for all general purpose VM systems. The cost will be \$3,600 for the first year and \$2,400 thereafter. ASG had indicated a willingness to finance the procurement of one license which we would use for the product evaluation.

4. The acquisition of the IBM SCRIPT Mathematical Formatter is a more complex problem. Mathematical formatter software requires the use of the IBM 3812 printer for output. Before the printer can be used, additional IBM software and OIT enhancements are required to ensure proper security and output accountability. This will delay the use of the printer until at least October 1986.

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In addition to this delay, it is our intention, in OIT, to purchase mathematical formatter software from WATSOFT, the vendor of OIT's standard text formatter (Waterloo SCRIPT). However, the software will not be available until sometime after the beginning of FY 1987 and OIT must then integrate this software. Once the printer is operational, if the WATSOFT delivery date causes an unreasonable delay in providing support to the DI, we will obtain a license for the SCRIPT Mathematical Formatter from IBM at the monthly fee of \$300. We do not wish to create two SCRIPT cultures within the Agency, and we would like to emphasize that we view the use of the IBM SCRIPT Mathematical Formatter as a temporary expedient until we can provide a mathematical formatter under Waterloo SCRIPT.

5. We would appreciate the transfer of [ ] as soon as possible for the purchase of the appropriate licenses, so that we can promptly take action to procure these software products. In the tight financial times we are facing, joint procurements and other types of funding cooperation will be of great assistance to both our offices as we work to improve our information systems. Let us keep the dialogue going at our level and among our respective staffs. Should you or your staff have any questions concerning the acquisition of these software packages, please feel free to contact either me or [ ] Chief, Management Division on [ ]

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